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SUBJECT: SOVIET AMBASSADOR ABRASIMOV LEAVING OR NOT?

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1. I ASKED SOVIET MINISTER-COUNSELOR ANATOLIY GROMYKO
AT A RECEPTION ON FEBRUARY 12 WHETHER WEST GERMAN PRESS
SPECULATION THAT HIS AMBASSADOR, PYOTR ABRASIMOV,
WOULD SOON BE LEAVING BERLIN WAS CORRECT.

2. GROMYKO SAID THESE STORIES HAD COME AS A SURPRISE
TO ABRASIMOV. THEY APPEARED TO HAVE THEIR ORIGIN IN
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FRG CIRCLES IN BONN, MOSCOW OR ELSEWHERE ABROAD. GROMYKO

SAID HE COULD NOT STATE WITH CERTAINTY THAT ABRASIMOV WOULD BE STAYING ON, AS THIS WAS A MATTER FOR THE PARTY CONGRESS IN MOSCOW TO DECIDE. IF IT TURNED OUT THAT ABRASIMOV WOULD BE "PROMOTED" TO HIGHER RESPONSIBILITIES IN MOSCOW, THIS WOULD IN GROMYKO'S OPINION BE A GAIN TO THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, IN VIEW OF THE AMBASSADOR'S GREAT COMPETENCE IN MANY AREAS. GROMYKO ENDED OUR DISCUSSION BY SAYING THAT ABRASIMOV INTENDED TO INVITE AMBASSADOR COOPER TO DINNER UPON HIS RETURN FROM THE PARTY CONGRESS.

3. COMMENT: SPECULATION (REFTELS) CONCERNING ABRASIMOV'S POSSIBLE TRANSFER HAS ABATED. FRG REPRESENTATIVE GAUS, WHO RECENTLY HAD LUNCH WITH ABRASIMOV, TOLD ME HE HAD THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT ABRASIMOV HIMSELF DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE MIGHT HAVE IN STORE FOR HIM.GROVE

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